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# VELVET BEANS

GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

**GIRARDEAU SEED Co.**



THE TWO LARGEST MELONS EVER PRODUCED IN THE WORLD  
GROWN FROM OUR SEED

CONTRACT GROWERS OF NEW AND CHOICE VARIETIES OF

**WATERMELON AND CANTALOUPE SEED**

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IN CASE OF SHORTAGE OR FAILURE OF CROPS, DELIVERY WILL BE MADE PRO-RATA TO EACH CONTRACT CUSTOMER ORDER

*MONTICELLO, FLA.*

Velvet Beans are probably the cheapest soil-improving crop, cost of seed considered, that can be put in. It really only requires about a peck of seed to the acre. They are usually planted in rows five feet apart, dropping the beans about a foot apart in the rows. They make a very rapid and enormous growth, and soon cover the land wherever they are sown. On account of their large and heavy growth, it is difficult to cure them as a forage crop, and the best use is to let the vines and all be killed by frost and rot upon the ground before attempting to turn them under. Velvet Beans are also largely used in Florida and the extreme South as a cattle grazing and fattening crop, and with excellent and profitable results, and we believe that in this section they will also prove most desirable for this purpose. The cattle are turned into the velvet bean fields late in the fall, and thrive remarkably, grazing on the enormous mass of leaves and vines, and this is continued until late in the winter, with very satisfactory results. Write for prices.

**GIRARDEAU SEED COMPANY,**

**Monticello, Fla.**





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BUY FROM THE ORIGINATOR

**GIANT BEGGAR WEED SEED**

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**T**HIS IS A VALUABLE forage plant and a wonderful restorer of the land, far more valuable a fertilizer than either peas or clover, and superior to either for forage, besides it has the great advantage over both the above in that it does not have to be planted each year, for when once established in the soil it comes up annually without any further attention. It interferes with no crop you may plant, being easily kept under by cultivation, and it can be easily totally eradicated from the soil by two years successive pasturing. This feature, too, adds to its great value for some valuable forage plants become actually the worst of pests (as bad as Cocoa), when you wish to devote the land on which they are established to the cultivation of some other crops. This plant is a rank feeder—with deep feeding roots—and brings up from the sub-soil the dormant fertilizing elements deposited there for years, and deposits them on the surface when they shed their foliage in the fall. Land in this State which six years ago would not yield more than eight bushels of corn per acre, and actually too poor to cultivate, now seeded in the Giant Beggar Weed Seed, readily yields twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre with never one ounce of fertilizer used on it. If you want the BEST fertilizer and the CHEAPEST, seed your land in GIANT BEGGAR WEED SEED. For forage it has no equal. Hogs, Cows, Horses and Mules fatten on it when nothing else will bring them out, and they will refuse any other food when they can get Beggar Weeds. Old worn out Horses and Mules when turned in Beggar Weed pastures will get sleek and fat without further attention. Farmers will make no mistake in investing in Beggar Weed. The seed are very small and light. About ten pounds will thoroughly seed an acre.

**MODE OF PLANTING**

Sow the seed broadcast on land in the same manner you would oats, and plow under in like manner, or sow with the oats. When your oats are cut the Giant Beggar Weed will take possession of the land without further attention. Or you can sow in your corn at last plowing. The Beggar Weed will then mature about same time as corn. It never needs any cultivation or other attention.

“Beggar Weed Hay contains about 21 per cent of crude protein. At a yield of ten tons, the amount of fertilizer contained in a crop yield by one acre has been estimated at: Potash, 40 pounds; phosphoric acid, 80 pounds; ammonia, 200 pounds. It will be seen from this that as a renovator of worn soils, or as a green manure, no better or cheaper fertilizer can be added to a field than Beggar Weed. The tap root descends deeply into the soil, bringing up mineral fertilizers from the sub-soil, which can be utilized by other crops.”

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We grow our seeds and select them with the greatest care, but we give no warranty either expressed or implied, nor will we be responsible for the crop. No claims will be considered unless made immediately upon receipt of goods. In case of shortage of crops delivery will be made pro-rata to each customer's order.

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# GIRARDEAU SEED COMPANY

Wholesale Watermelon and Cantaloupe Seed Growers

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Washington D.C.,

Feb'y. 18th, 1919

Monticello, Fla.,

REFERENCE: BANK OF MONTICELLO.

## GROWERS LIST 19<sup>19</sup>

The chief end to be sought after by all responsible seedmen, is purity of stock; to be certain to attain that end place your growing order with a careful grower, of experience. Pure Watermelon seed are only to be had by great care, patience and expence, each variety must be completely isolated from all others, not only while growing but during harvesting To do this requires a large acreage of land and experienced labor, with many years experience in the business. We offer with confidence to compete in prices with any grower who sells pure seed, true to name. By long experience and thorough training of our labor we have reduced the expense of growing melon seed to Minimum, but we have not yet reduced it so low that we can compete in prices with the melon grower who ships his good melons to market and saves seed from the refuse left after shipping. Should you wish any other varieties grown not named in our list we can arrange to grow them for you. Terms: Acceptance due in 60 days after shipment or less 2% 20 days from date of Invoice. All contract orders filled in September. One hundred dollars reward with proof that we ship or sell melons from our seed farms.

We name among our customers nearly all of the best Seedmen in the United States, and can give the best of reference, where such are required. Your order will be appreciated and properly cared for. Try us.

### VARIETIES WE WILL GROW.

Lbs.		Lbs.	
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-----Bradford	-----	-----Kleckley Sweet	-----
-----Triumph	-----	-----Montichusto	-----
-----Black Diamond	-----	-----Kolb Gem	-----
-----Coles Early	-----	-----Mt. Sweet	-----
-----Harris Early	-----	-----Peerless	-----
-----Dixie	Price 25¢ #	-----Tom Watson	Price 25¢ #
-----Florida Favorite	-----	-----Indian Chief	-----
-----New Favorite	-----	-----Sweetheart	-----
-----Thomas	-----	-----Iceburg	-----
-----Georgia Rattlesnake	-----	-----Mam. Iron Clad	-----
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